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1        Claim 9 (Amended). The method of [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 3], wherein one graph  
2        is generated for each sentence in the text and wherein the characterizing strength (C) is  
3        calculated for each sentence by performing the steps b) through e).

1        <sup>a2</sup>      Claim 11 (Amended). The method of [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 3], wherein the graph  
2        is evolved in step c) by replacing auxiliary verbs with main verbs.

1        Claim 13 (Amended). The method of [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 3], wherein the graph  
2        is evolved in step c) by leaving out verbs.  
<sup>a3</sup>

1        Claim 14 (Amended). The method of [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 3], wherein the  
2        subject of the sentence is identified and placed centrally in the graph to produce a tree-like  
3        graph structure in which the subject is at the root, prior to carrying out step d).

1        <sup>a4</sup>      Claim 16 (Amended). The method of claim 2 [or 15], wherein the characterizing strength  
2        (C) of the text is an average calculated by  
3                  • adding the characterizing strengths (C) of all sentences of the respective text, and  
4                  • then dividing the result of the previous step by the number of sentences.

1        Claim 22 (Amended). An information retrieval system comprising a system as claimed in  
2        [any of claims] claim 17 [to 21].  
<sup>a5</sup>

1        Claim 23 (Amended). A server computer system comprising a system as claimed in [any of  
2        claims] claim 17 [to 21].

1        Claim 24 (Amended). A client computer system comprising a system as claimed in [any of  
2        claims] claim 17 [to 21].

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## Clean Copy of Amended Claims

1       Claim 7 (Amended). The method according to claim 1, wherein a parser is employed, to  
2       create the graph in step b).

1       Claim 8 (Amended). The method of claim 1, wherein a semantic network generator is  
2       employed to create the graph (30) in step b).

1       Claim 9 (Amended). The method of claim 1, wherein one graph is generated for each  
2       sentence in the text and wherein the characterizing strength (C) is calculated for each  
3       sentence by performing the steps b) through e).

1       Claim 11 (Amended). The method of claim 1, wherein the graph is evolved in step c) by  
2       replacing auxiliary verbs with main verbs.

1       Claim 13 (Amended). The method of claim 1, wherein the graph is evolved in step c) by  
2       leaving out verbs.

1       Claim 14 (Amended). The method of claim 1, wherein the subject of the sentence is  
2       identified and placed centrally in the graph to produce a tree-like graph structure in which  
3       the subject is at the root, prior to carrying out step d).

1       Claim 16 (Amended). The method of claim 2, wherein the characterizing strength (C) of  
2       the text is an average calculated by  
3              • adding the characterizing strengths (C) of all sentences of the respective text, and  
4              • then dividing the result of the previous step by the number of sentences.

1       Claim 22 (Amended). An information retrieval system comprising a system as claimed in

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2 claim 17.

1 Claim 23 (Amended). A server computer system comprising a system as claimed in claim  
2 17.

1 Claim 24 (Amended). A client computer system comprising a system as claimed in claim  
2 17.

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